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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments and Reasons for Allowance

1. Applicant's arguments, see Pre-appeal brief request for review, filed on February 13, 2006, with respect to the rejections have been fully considered and are persuasive. In particular, applicant's arguments (Remarks, pg. 2, last paragraph-pg. 3, first paragraph) identify portions of the disclosure that enables the features of the limitation of claim 8 under question. Hence, the 112/1st paragraph rejection of claim 8 has been withdrawn. Also, the aforementioned portions of the specification, in addition to pg. 1, lines 9-13 (Remarks, pg. 4, first paragraph), describe means that are not a structural equivalent in comparison with the invention disclosed in the lijima prior art; in particular lijima does not disclose a security flag is set while the security of an application is valid, nor does lijima disclose the command message being processed as disclosed on pg. 10, lines 10-19. These are elements corresponding to the means plus function as recited in applicant's claims. (MPEP 2181 and 2183) Hence, the prior art rejections are withdrawn and claims 8-17 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Communications Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung W. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3804. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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